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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

WTO Agricultural Quantity-Based Safeguard Trigger Levels

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of product coverage and trigger levels for safeguard measures provided for in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Agriculture.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the updated quantity-based trigger levels for products which may be subject to additional import duties under the safeguard provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. This notice also includes the relevant period applicable for the trigger levels on each of the listed products.

DATES: [Enter date of publication in FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture provides that additional import duties may be imposed on imports of products subject to tariffication as a result of the Uruguay Round, if certain conditions are met. The agreement permits additional duties to be charged if the price of an individual shipment of imported products falls below the average price for similar goods imported during the years 1986-88 by a specified percentage. It also permits additional duties to be imposed if the volume of imports of an article exceeds the average of the most recent 3

years for which data are available by 5, 10, or 25 percent, depending on the article.

These additional duties may not be imposed on quantities for which minimum or current access commitments were made during the Uruguay Round negotiations, and only one type of safeguard, price or quantity, may be applied at any given time to an article.

Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act requires that the President cause to be published in the Federal Register information regarding the price and quantity safeguards, including the quantity trigger levels, which must be updated annually based upon import levels during the most recent 3 years. The President delegated this duty to the Secretary of Agriculture in Presidential Proclamation No. 6763, dated December 23, 1994, 60 FR 1005 (Jan. 4, 1995). The Secretary of Agriculture further delegated this duty, which lies with the Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service (7 CFR 2.43(a)(2)). The Annex to this notice contains the updated quantity trigger levels.

Additional information on the products subject to safeguards and the additional duties which may apply can be found in subchapter IV of Chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (2016) and in the Secretary of Agriculture's Notice of Uruguay Round Agricultural Safeguard Trigger Levels, published in the Federal Register at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

Notice: As provided in Section 405 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, consistent with Article 5 of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the safeguard quantity trigger levels previously notified are superceded by the levels indicated in the Annex to this notice. The definitions of these products were provided in the Notice of Safeguard Action published in the Federal Register, at 60 FR 427 (Jan. 4, 1995).

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ANNEX

QUANTITY-BASED SAFEGUARD TRIGGER		
Product	Trigger level	Period
Beef	317,530 mt	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Mutton	3,316 mt	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Cream	2,789 liters	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Evaporated or Condensed Milk	1,173,090 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Nonfat Dry Milk	525,441 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dried Whole Milk	3,406,679 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dried Cream	586 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dried Whey/Buttermilk	18,198 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Butter	13,656,765 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Butter Oil and Butter Substitutes	6,076,713 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Dairy Mixtures	15,718,595 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Blue Cheese	4,865,957 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Cheddar Cheese	11,292,096 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
American-Type Cheese	663,153 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Edam/Gouda Cheese	8,161,533 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Italian-Type Cheese	19,591,643 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Swiss Cheese with Eye Formation	28,790,738 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Gruyere Process Cheese	3,745,854 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
NSPF Cheese	52,603,975 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Lowfat Cheese	153,319 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Peanuts	19,037 mt	April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016
	13,106 mt	April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017
Peanut Butter/Paste	3,592 mt	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Raw Cane Sugar	676,944 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	617,282 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Refined Sugar and Syrups	177,579 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	355,264 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Blended Syrups	87 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	106 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Articles Over 65% Sugar	385 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	415 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Articles Over 10% Sugar	20,158 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	18,930 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Sweetened Cocoa Powder	86 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	72 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017

Chocolate Crumb	12,167,560 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Lowfat Chocolate Crumb	500,069 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Infant Formula Containing Oligosaccharides	309,726 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Mixes and Doughs	230 mt	October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015
	234 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
Mixed Condiments and Seasonings	961 mt	October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
	894 mt	October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017
Ice Cream	2,964,185 liters	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Animal Feed Containing Milk	27,792 kg	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Short Staple Cotton	2,330,949 kg	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
	1,363,307 kg	September 20, 2016 to September 19, 2017
Harsh or Rough Cotton	0 kilograms	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
	13 kg	August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017
Medium Staple Cotton	48,783 kg	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
	0 kg	August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017
Extra Long Staple Cotton	1,505,611 kg	August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016
	1,270,096 kg	August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017
Cotton Waste	793,048 kg	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
	925,273 kg	September 20, 2016 to September 19, 2017
Cotton, Processed, Not Spun	2,058 kg	September 20, 2015 to September 19, 2016
	51 kg	September 20, 2016 to September 19, 2017

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